

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, NEW YORK HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 1994 8:00 P.M. TRUSTEES MEETING ROOM, 85 MAIN STREET, IRVINGTON, NEW YORK.

Present: Dennis P. Flood, Mayor
Garrard R. Beeney, Trustee
Sheila M. Attai, Trustee
James McNiff, Trustee
Robert H. Pouch, Trustee
Stephen A. McCabe, Administrator
Kevin J. Plunkett, Village Attorney
Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer
Robert M. Bauer, Superintendent of Public Works
Eugene Hughey, Building Inspector

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flood who led the attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Trustee Beeney made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board held on October 3, 1994. The motion was seconded by Trustee McNiff and unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood opened the floor to public comment. There was no comment from those in attendance.

Mayor Flood issued a proclamation for National Unfunded Mandates Week, designated as the week of October 24-30, 1994. A copy of the proclamation will be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, state and federal representatives, and NYCOM. A copy is also attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood issued a proclamation regarding National Dental Hygiene Month, designated at October 1994. A copy of this proclamation is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood and the entire Board of Trustees commended the Police Department, Ambulance Corps, and Fire Department regarding their work done in successfully controlling a fire at the Half Moon Apartments on October 9th.

Trustee Pouch discussed the Burnham Building/Library Expansion project. He indicated that a negotiating team, comprised of Trustee Sheila Attai, Administrator Steve McCabe, and Clerk-Treasurer Larry Schopfer, have been meeting with prospective developers. He further indicated that he was hopeful that the Board would be able to disclose the name of the lead offeror and some details relating to the offer at its next regular Board meeting of November 7, 1994.

Mayor Flood read the following communication: Laurence Lustig regarding leaf blowers and crosswalks; The Hess Family regarding praise for the fireworks display put on by the Recreation Department in September 1994. Regarding the Lustig communication, John Fallon suggested that there be a sign at the top and bottom of Main Street regarding the crosswalks. Earl Ferguson suggested that a sign be installed at each crosswalk. Mayor Flood indicated that the Village was considering some additional signage, and would begin more strict enforcement of the vehicle and traffic law as it relates to pedestrian crosswalks. William Irwin claimed that as more people yield to pedestrians, there will be more traffic accidents caused by motorists unaware that other cars might be stopping suddenly. A copy of each communication is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Trustee Attai indicated that the Water Department has completed its hydrant replacements for the year and is on schedule in its replacement program. Water and sewer taps have been made for the Bracebridge development. The Croton Aqueduct will remain shut down for several more months. Trustee Attai also indicated that at its meeting of September 19, the Beautification Committee voted for natural decorations during the upcoming holiday season.

Trustee McNiff reported that the Recreation Department has narrowed its choices for Teen Director down to two. He expected that the process would be completed within a few days and an announcement/appointment could be made at the regular Board meeting of November 7, 1994.

Trustee Pouch indicated that the grinding process on E. Sunnyside Lane was complete and paving would take place within a couple of weeks. He reminded residents that leaf pickup will begin within the next

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week and leaves should be left loose on the edge of the property without any brush. He also discussed the State's promise to repave Broadway from Tarrytown to Dobbs Ferry, or, if funding is not available, repair Broadway within Irvington.

Trustee Beeney discussed the police report for the month of September. He noted that the number of cases has dropped as compared to last year. As previously authorized by the Board, the police department has installed new meters at both the Irvington and Ardsley-on-Hudson railroad stations. Trustee Beeney also reported on the Irvington 2000 committee's progress. He noted that each sub-committee is moving forward in their individual tasks.

Steve McCabe reported on the Village fire inspection program. He noted that the Board had decided to take a pro-active approach, including regular fire inspections. He also indicated that the Village has successfully fought its first case regarding fire code violations, resulting in a remedy of the situation. He hopes that the word will get around to other potential violators.

Mayor Flood asked Superintendent of Public Works Bob Bauer about the water main break alarm status. Mr. Bauer indicated that the process had begun but was complete as yet. Mayor Flood also raised a question about limiting home alarms from sounding alarms for extended periods of time. Trustee Beeney and Steve McCabe agreed that everyone, including the Police Chief, were at a loss as to how to effectively and legally enforce such a law. Mayor Flood asked Mr. McCabe about the status of the Sprinkler Law. Mr. McCabe indicated that the law had been reviewed by the State and there were several points that needed to be worked on. Mayor Flood questioned whether the recently adopted local law regarding handbills was being used. Lawrence Schopfer indicated that several applicants have received permits since its inception, although it is apparent that there is not 100% compliance. Mayor Flood suggested that a notice be placed on the Cable TV community bulletin board regarding this law.

Mayor Flood thanked Mike Lyons, Bill Thompson and Jeffrey Bertone for the use of their facility on Bridge Street to host the Westchester Municipal Officials Association meeting on October 13, 1994.

Stu Goldberg, Captain of the Irvington Ambulance Corps asked the Board whether it had looked into the new service award plan enacted into law by the State of New York. Mayor Flood indicated that the Board had not looked into it as of yet, noting that the plan was only applicable to municipal organizations.

Trustee Pouch made a motion to approve the October bills for payment subject to audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Attai and unanimously approved.

Trustee Pouch made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up litigation and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Attai and unanimously approved.

Upon reconvening from executive session, there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Attachments